



September 21, 2020

Dear HMS Families,

We are so happy to see so many of you engaging with virtual learning, and we know how much you and your children are missing in person PT and OT services. In our virtual needs survey, we asked who is interested in some limited access to these services, and families overwhelmingly indicated they were! We've been working out the details to meet our COVID safety protocols and would like to start scheduling these sessions soon.

What this will look like:

- There will be one HMS PT and one HMS OT assigned to provide services each day. You may end up with an in-person session with a different HMS therapist than your child's regularly assigned therapist.
- Very limited sessions- only two students in the building at any time.
- Sessions will be by appointment only.
- Appointments will occur between 8:30am and 12:30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and between 12:00pm and 4:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each session will be 45 minutes long with time for cleaning and sanitizing in between. You can have up to one PT and one OT session scheduled for the same day. No other services will be provided in-person at this time.
- Families will be required to provide transportation and remain with their child throughout the time the student is in the building.
- Families will be required to provide any nursing/medical care or personal care their child needs during their time in the building. We will not have PCA staff available and very limited nursing staff on site for COVID screening purposes and emergency intervention purposes only.
- We can only have one adult parent or caregiver attend sessions with the student, unless the student has a private duty nurse whose shift occurs during a child's in-person session. In this case, one parent and the nurse should attend with the student.
- Anyone entering the building will be screened with our COVID19 questionnaire and have their temperature checked before admittance.
- All parents and caregivers will be required to wear masks covering their nose and mouth and maintain 6 feet of social distancing from HMS employees throughout their time in the building. Students will not be required to wear masks, in line with CDC recommendations that



individuals not able to remove their own masks not wear them. HMS staff will be in appropriate PPE to have direct contact with students who are not wearing masks.

- No siblings will be allowed into the building during these sessions.
- There will be very limited access once in the building. COVID screening will occur by the screening nurse by the entrance, and then you will proceed to the location of your first appointment. Other parts of the building will be closed. There will not be access to the dining room for refreshments. If a caregiver needs to use the restroom, please ask the staff member you are with to direct you to the nearest restroom. This will most likely not be the ones near the front most frequently used by parent visitors.
- When your session is scheduled, you will receive additional information about any paperwork requirements we have for your session, as well as detailed parking and arrival information. Any paperwork requested must be completed prior to arrival and all protocols must be followed in order to proceed with the appointment.

Please complete this survey about your availability for in-person services.

[In-person services survey](#)

Thank you,

HMS School